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867 CASES OF 2009 A/H1N1 CONFIRMED

11. (U) As of COB July 1, China's Ministry of Health (MOH) has officially communicated information about 867 confirmed cases of infection by the novel 2009 influenza A/H1N1. Confirmed cases have been detected in 19 provinces and the municipalities of Beijing, Chongqing, Shanghai and Tianjin. Of the 867 confirmed cases, MOH reported that as of July 1, 523 infected patients had recovered and been released from treatment. 341 infected patients are being treated in isolation at local designated hospitals and three others are currently being treated in isolation at home.

CHINA EASES H1H1 CONTROL MEASURES

12. (SBU) According to press reports over the last week, the Chinese government has adjusted its quarantine and control measures and is now allowing some patients infected with the A/H1N1 virus to be treated in isolation at home, instead of being moved to or remaining in a designated hospital. Since June 26, MOH has reported a total of 14 confirmed A/H1N1 cases receiving treatment at home. Previously, home quarantine had been reported only in cases of medical observation of close contacts of confirmed cases.

CHINA PRODUCES FIRST BATCH OF A/H1N1 ANTIVIRAL DRUG

13. (SBU) Local press announced on June 26 that Shanghai Pharmaceutical Group Co. Ltd (Shanghai Pharm) had produced China's first batch of an antiviral drug to treat patients infected by the A/H1N1 influenza virus. The antiviral drug, Oseltamivir Phosphate Capsules, is the Chinese version of "Tamiflu" by Swiss drug maker Roche Holding. Shanghai Pharm reportedly is one of only two Chinese

companies authorized by Roche to produce the Tamiflu-like drug.

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